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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT, CA  
SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT DATES IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

1. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS THIS  
SPRING, FOLLOWING TIMETABLE MAY BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT.  
IT INDICATES MAJOR EVENTS FROM ISSUANCE OF WRIT (CALLING  
OF ELECTION) TO ELECTION DAY.

2. ISSUANCE OF WRIT NEED NOT BE ON DAY 60 AS IT IS ON  
TABLE BELOW. IT COULD BE 1 OR 2 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER DAY  
60. BY TRADITION, HOWEVER, ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS ROUGHLY  
60 DAYS AND WRIT ISSUANCE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY BEFORE  
START OF ENUMERATION (LEGALLY REQUIRED FOR MONDAY/DAY 49)  
TO ALLOW CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER TO GET ORGANIZED.

- TIMETABLE FOR A GENERAL ELECTION

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DAY 60 THURSDAY	PROBABLE WRIT ISSUANCE
DAY 49 MONDAY	ENUMERATION (VOTER REGISTRATION)
-	BEGINS
DAY 44 SATURDAY	ENUMERATION ENDS
DAY 42 MONDAY	PRELIMINARY VOTER LISTS FILED
DAY 29 SUNDAY	POLITICAL BROADCASTING CAN BEGIN
DAY 28 MONDAY	FINAL NOMINATION DAY - (ISOLATED

- RIDINGS - 10 PERCENT)  
DAY 26 WEDNESDAY PRINTING OF PRELIMINARY VOTER LISTS  
- COMPLETED  
DAY 23 SATURDAY LISTS MADE AVAILABLE TO VOTERS  
DAY 21 MONDAY FINAL NOMINATION DAY NORMAL RIDINGS  
- (90 PERCENT)  
DAY 18 THURSDAY CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL  
- FINALIZATION OF PRELIMINARY VOTER  
- LISTS  
DAY 9 SATURDAY ADVANCE POLL BEGINS (ROUGH EQUIVALENT  
- TO TAKING ABSENTEE BALLOT)  
DAY 7 MONDAY ADVANCE POLL  
DAY 6 TUESDAY ADVANCE POLL  
DAY 2 SATURDAY BROADCASTING ENDS (MIDNIGHT)  
DAY 0 MONDAY POLLING DAY (IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY -  
- POLLING DAY SHALL BE TUESDAY)  
3. LAST NOMINATION DAYS (DAY 28 AND 21) ARE LARGELY  
ACADEMIC SINCE NEARLY ALL MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES FILE  
NOMINATIONS ASAP AFTER WRIT ISSUANCE.

4. ENUMERATION IS A CANADIAN ELECTORAL PROCEDURE WHICH  
ASSURES HIGH VOTER TURN OUT. BRIEFLY, RATHER THAN PLACE  
ONUS OF REGISTRATION ON VOTER AS IS CASE IN U.S.,  
ENUMERATORS WORKING FOR THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
COMPILE VOTING LISTS VIA DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASSING.  
PROCEDURE SHOULD RECORD AT LEAST 95 PERCENT OF APPROXI-  
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MATELY 14.9 MILLION CANADIANS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. HONEST  
LISTS ARE ASSURED SINCE THERE ARE TWO ENUMERATORS PER  
POLL, ONE REPRESENTING PARTY WHICH HOLDS RIDING AND  
OTHER REPRESENTING PARTY WITH SECOND HIGHEST VOTE TOTAL  
IN PREVIOUS ELECTION. DUEMLING

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